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Convicted Bank Robber Sentenced to 40 Years

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Wilkins states that twenty-four year old David Stevenson Boyd, II was convicted on four different counts of Armed Robbery, Assault and Battery with Intent to Kill, theft and a weapons charge, and was sentenced to forty years in connection with the robbery of over \$19,000 from the Bank of Travelers Rest on White Horse Road, the shooting of a civilian witness, and an ensuing manhunt on December 10, 2008, in Greenville. Circuit Court Judge Letitia Verdin sentenced Boyd to the maximum sentence of twenty years on the assault charge that very nearly ended the life of civilian witness David Dill. Judge Verdin ordered that the sentence run consecutively to the twenty-year sentence Boyd received for armed robbery. In pronouncing the sentence, Judge Verdin informed Boyd that he was "very lucky" that Dill survived the incident since the charges against Boyd would have carried a considerably higher penalty under South Carolina law. Dill told the court, "if it had not been for [Sgt.] David Weiner, I probably wouldn't be here." Because both the assault and robbery charges are subject to a legislative enactment called "Truth in Sentencing," Boyd will not be eligible for parole and will have to serve eighty-five percent of each twenty-year sentence consecutively. Judge Verdin also sentenced Boyd to the maximum sentences of ten years on the theft charge and five years on the weapons charge with those sentences to run concurrently. Since his arrest, Boyd has been incarcerated in the Greenville County Detention

Center. He will serve the remainder of his sentences in the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

The case was prosecuted by assistant solicitor Allen Fretwell.